

ABSTRACT

Disclosing a promoter of the protease MDTs9, which is induced by TGF- β , which is involved in the metabolism of extracellular matrix, and in which the expression of the gene thereof is elevated in renal failure model animals, which promoter is useful as a tool for screening an agent for treating and/or preventing chronic renal failure, as well as a method for screening an agent for treating and/or preventing chronic renal failure by selecting an inhibitor of the promoter.